

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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President of the Senate

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FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5507** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

Secretary

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Governor of the State of Washington

**Secretary of State
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By Senate Governmental Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Billig, Benton, Rolfes, Rivers, Hatfield, Harper, Ranker, Hasegawa, Frockt, Schlicher, Smith, Fraser, Sheldon, Roach, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Shin, Murray, McAuliffe, Kline, and Conway)

READ FIRST TIME 02/20/13.

1 AN ACT Relating to increasing transparency of donors to candidates
2 and ballot measures; amending RCW 29A.32.031 and 29A.36.161; and
3 creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the voters of
6 the state of Washington have overwhelmingly affirmed the public's right
7 to know about the financing of political activity. Recognizing that
8 Initiative 276, which created the public disclosure commission and
9 serves as the foundation of Washington's disclosure and campaign
10 finance laws, was approved with over seventy-two percent of voters in
11 support, the legislature also finds that maintaining the tradition of
12 transparency in campaigns and political activities in the state of
13 Washington is a top priority for citizens throughout Washington state.

14 (2) Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to increase
15 transparency and ensure that voters be provided easy access to accurate
16 information about the sources of money supporting or opposing
17 candidates and ballot measures by printing the public disclosure
18 commission's web site on voters' pamphlets and ballots for each primary
19 and general election.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.32.031 and 2011 c 60 s 13 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 The voters' pamphlet published or distributed under RCW 29A.32.010
4 must contain:

5 (1) Information about each measure for an advisory vote of the
6 people and each ballot measure initiated by or referred to the voters
7 for their approval or rejection as required by RCW 29A.32.070;

8 (2) In even-numbered years, statements, if submitted, from
9 candidates for the office of president and vice president of the United
10 States, United States senator, United States representative, governor,
11 lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, state
12 auditor, attorney general, commissioner of public lands, superintendent
13 of public instruction, insurance commissioner, state senator, state
14 representative, justice of the supreme court, judge of the court of
15 appeals, or judge of the superior court. Candidates may also submit
16 campaign contact information and a photograph not more than five years
17 old in a format that the secretary of state determines to be suitable
18 for reproduction in the voters' pamphlet;

19 (3) In odd-numbered years, if any office voted upon statewide
20 appears on the ballot due to a vacancy, then statements and photographs
21 for candidates for any vacant office listed in subsection (2) of this
22 section must appear;

23 (4) Contact information for the public disclosure commission
24 established under RCW 42.17A.100, including the following statement:
25 "For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state and
26 local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit www.pdc.wa.gov."
27 The statement must be placed in a prominent position, such as on the
28 cover or on the first two pages of the voters' pamphlet. The secretary
29 of state may substitute such language as is necessary for accuracy and
30 clarity and consistent with the intent of this section;

31 (5) Contact information for major political parties;

32 (6) A brief statement explaining the deletion and addition of
33 language for proposed measures under RCW 29A.32.080; and

34 (7) Any additional information pertaining to elections as may be
35 required by law or in the judgment of the secretary of state is deemed
36 informative to the voters.

1 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29A.36.161 and 2011 c 10 s 33 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) On the top of each ballot must be printed:

4 (a) Clear and concise instructions directing the voter how to mark
5 the ballot, including write-in votes; and

6 (b) The following statement: "For a list of the people and
7 organizations that donated to state and local candidates and ballot
8 measure campaigns, visit www.pdc.wa.gov." The secretary of state may
9 substitute such language as is necessary for accuracy and clarity and
10 consistent with the intent of this section. Alternately, at the
11 discretion of the county auditor or local election official, the
12 statement required by this subsection (1)(b) may be printed in a
13 prominent position on the ballot envelope and in the materials that
14 accompany the ballot.

15 ~~((On the top of each primary ballot must be printed the~~
16 ~~instructions required by this chapter.))~~

17 (2) The ballot must have a clear delineation between the ballot
18 instructions and the first ballot measure or office through the use of
19 white space, illustration, shading, color, symbol, font size, or bold
20 type. The secretary of state shall establish standards for ballot
21 design and layout consistent with this section and RCW 29A.04.611.

22 (3) The questions of adopting constitutional amendments or any
23 other state measure authorized by law to be submitted to the voters at
24 that election must appear after the instructions and before any
25 offices.

26 (4) In a year that president and vice president appear on the
27 general election ballot, the names of candidates for president and vice
28 president for each political party must be grouped together with a
29 single response position for a voter to indicate his or her choice.

30 ~~((5) On a general election ballot, the candidate or candidates~~
31 ~~of))~~ The major political party that received the highest number of
32 votes from the electors of this state for the office of president of
33 the United States at the last presidential election must appear first
34 ~~((following the appropriate office heading)). ((The candidate or~~
35 ~~candidates of the))~~ Other major political parties ~~((will))~~ must follow
36 according to the votes cast for their nominees for president at the
37 last presidential election~~((, and))~~. Independent candidates and ~~((the~~

1 ~~candidate-or-candidates-of-all-other))~~ minor parties ((~~will~~)) must
2 follow major parties and be listed in the order of their qualification
3 with the secretary of state.

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